

NJDEP and EPA Region 2 Drinking Water Meeting

February 7, 2018, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Annotated Agenda

Conference call in:

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1. Introduction

2. Oversight and Coordination

- a. *Today we'd like to follow up on a number of issues that have been discussed at previous meetings. These issues include improving lead and copper rule compliance, unregulated contaminants, operator certification and EPA's annual drinking water program review.*
- b. *Going forward, we would like to reaffirm our partnership to protect public health by ensuring New Jersey drinking water systems are in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. We're open to any suggestions from NJDEP that further this goal.*

3. Budget/Funding

- a. *FY2017 final allotment for NJDEP PWSS program was \$1,937,000.*
- b. *NJDEP awarded \$398,950.00 in forward funding for FY18.*
- c. *FY18 allotments are not available yet.*
- d. *Statement about FY 2019 budget.*

4. Drinking Water Rule Implementation:

a. RTCR

- *NJDEP has submitted its RTCR primacy package on January 12, 2018. It is now in the process of being reviewed by EPA Region 2.*
- *How are violations being reported to SDWIS?*

b. Lead and Copper Rule:

- a. *EPA LCR Program Review report was issued September 22, 2016. NJDEP submitted a response and an action plan Nov 9, 2016.*
- b. *Need NJDEP status: The action plan will be implemented 2016-2019, and include the evaluation of all sampling pools and Water Quality Parameters (if applicable) for all systems in NJ. Evaluation of large systems completed December 2016. 15 people assigned (5 permanent/10 temporary).*

- c. *Has NJDEP had WIIN act notifications?*
- d. *Lead at schools (DECA)*
- e. *Current LCR ALEs (see table at end of agenda):*
 - *What steps is NJDEP taking to address the current ALEs? How is NJDEP tracking previous ALEs?*
- f. *Status of LSL replacement effort.*
 - a. *Reassessment of Tier 1 sampling locations.*

c. *Unregulated Contaminants*

- *NJ PFAS standards for PFNA and PFOA released November 1, 2017.*
 - *PFNA at 13 ppt*
 - *PFOA at 14 ppt*
- *New Jersey Drinking Water Quality Institute – next meeting, top issues.*
 - *Request update on upcoming drinking water regulatory initiatives*
 - *NJDQI recommended standard for PFOS at 13 ppt*
 - *1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP)*
- *Office of Water leadership is sharpening interest in PFAS, specifically the locations that have received drinking water containing these chemicals. NJDEP has responded to data requests on perfluorinated chemicals.*
- *Status update for systems that have detected PFAS at levels above EPA's Health Advisory level.*
- *UCMR4*
 - *Only 28 out of 187 systems haven't accepted their notification letters.*
 - *Continue effort to get systems registered in CDX and ready for sampling.*
 - *HABs (NJDEP lead)*
 - *Data reporting timeframe – 6 months after collection and analysis*
 - *HABs are an acute parameter – can we require faster timeframe for reporting?*

a. *LT2 Compliance (DECA input)*

i. *Uncovered reservoirs status*

5. *Trenton Water Works*

- a. *June 5, 2017: Trenton Water Works issued a boil water advisory due to a drop in chlorine levels at the treatment plant. NJDEP determined it was due to technical, managerial and operational deficiencies.*

- b. July 21, 2017: violation of operator certification requirements.*
- c. January 5, 2018: NJDEP issued a NOV requiring Trenton to execute an emergency contract to provide staffing for all essential positions as identified in the TMF Report and establish a contract for long-term operation.*
- d. A draft Administrative Order on Consent was provided to TWW this week and NJDEP expects Trenton to sign by February 5th. If agreement is not reached by then, NJDEP will initiate a judicial action in state court.*
- e. What is NJDEP's plan for achieving long-term compliance at this facility and others with similar issues?*

6. Operator Certification / AWOP / Capacity Development

- a. Operator certification should be an area of renewed focus. If there are problems at Trenton, could there be problems at other DWS?*
- b. What is New Jersey's progress and plans for implementing an Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP)? Update?*
- c. Capacity development*

7. Implementation of the Drinking Water Oversight Approach

- a. Annual PWSS Program Review: EPA will be formalizing its approach to drinking water oversight with the goals of supporting state SDWA implementation, documenting how states integrate all aspects of the SDWA, and increasing knowledge and accountability.*
- b. Three areas of focus*
 - i. Annual drinking water program review. Goal is to generate report that touches on ten topics:*
 - 1. Program Summary*
 - 2. State Resources*
 - 3. Status of Rule Adoption*
 - 4. Sanitary Surveys*
 - 5. Enforcement/ETT*
 - 6. DWSRF Program Integration/Cap Dev and Small System Support*
 - 7. DWSRF Program Integration/Operator Certification*
 - 8. Rule Implementation*
 - 9. Data Management and Reliability*
 - 10. Other topics*
 - ii. File review*
 - iii. Subject specific analysis (deep dive)*

8. Training Needs

- a. *What other types of training would NJDEP like to see? Any requests or suggestions are welcome.*

9. Status of SDWIS Prime

- a. *Adoption by states should occur by late 2019.*
- b. *Status update: New Jersey is actively engaged in the transition process, participating in work groups that will help them make the jump. NJ has assembled a team to participate in the planning and conversion activities needed from SDWIS/State 3.33 to SDWIS Prime. If all the specifications are completed by July 2018, NJ can begin contractor changes (and testing) and could propose an anticipated transition start date to be approximately July 2019.*

10. GWUDI Evaluations (DECA)

- a. *DECA identified a lack of a GWUDI determination/evaluation for the City of Camden*
- b. *EPA issued an AO that requires Ridgewood to re-evaluate some of their wells for ground water under the direct influence (GWUDI) determinations.*
- c.

11. Sanitary Survey Improvement

- a. Sanitary survey requirement for CWS must be met once every three years, and for noncommunity systems once every 5 years (40 CFR §141.400; 40 CFR §142.16).
- b. How is NJDEP tracking the 8 elements for each sanitary survey and that all field components are being inspected for each system?
- c. Are any updates to sanitary survey checklists being considered?
- d. In the future, how will NJDEP be tracking sanitary surveys conducted at all public water systems?
- e. How many systems in NJ are on a 5-year schedule based on outstanding performance or GW systems providing 4-log treatment for viruses?
- f. If a system has an outstanding performance, it must be reported in SDWIS, but this is not showing up in SDWIS. Has this been corrected?

12. Representative Monitoring Policy

- a. Has NJDEP made any decisions regarding a policy/rule addressing representative monitoring?

- b.* Use of SDWIS state?
- c.* How can EPA be of assistance in moving this issue forward?

13. SRF issues

- a.* Placeholder – waiting to hear back from Steve Vida.

14. Summary of Agreements and Action Items

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New Jersey Q4 Lead ALEs

PWSID	PWS_NAME	POP.	PWS_TYPE	School_Ind	RESULT (mg/l)	RESULT (ppb)	FIRST_REPORTED	New or Repeat ALE
NJ0111310	THE RAMS HEAD INN	360	NTNCWS	N	0.0172	17.2	08-Dec-17	New
NJ0511348	CEDAR SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER	450	NTNCWS	N	0.13	130.0	08-Dec-17	New
NJ0714001	NEWARK WATER DEPARTMENT	273000	CWS	N	0.0332	33.2	08-Dec-17	Repeat
NJ1010311	SOUTH RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH	200	NTNCWS	Y	0.14	140.0	08-Dec-17	Repeat
NJ1022341	WALMART SUPERSTORE #5069	2536	NTNCWS	N	0.0188	18.8	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1107304	PRINCETON RIRIXIN SCHOOL	35	NTNCWS	Y	0.022	22.0	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1415002	KINNELON WATER DEPT	1001	CWS	N	0.0722	72.2	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1427302	SANDSHORE SCHOOL	518	NTNCWS	Y	0.0235	23.5	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1427364	ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT ASSC	33	NTNCWS	N	3.214	3214.0	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1435001	HOFFMAN HOMES	120	CWS	N	0.061	61.0	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1530003	STAFFORD TWP MUA CEDAR B	224	CWS	N	0.077	77.0	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1615022	WOODLAND HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOC	44	CWS	N	0.033	33.0	08-Dec-17	New
NJ1802313	ST JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN	180	NTNCWS	N	0.0192	19.2	08-Dec-17	New